

SONG OF SOLOMON: THE DIVINE KISS

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. As we have said that the spiritual interpretation of Song of Songs is to see the kingdom of God through the eyes of a beloved Bride who is fascinated with the beauty of Jesus as God and Husband. This makes us see the beauty of Jesus in a completely different way, even in known passages.
- B. The dominant theme in Song of Songs is the King's affection for his Bride. Studying and meditating on the subject of God's emotions must become a priority for us. **This is important to our own emotional health. We are transformed when we understand how God feels about us, especially in our weakness.** This revelation makes us run to Him instead of running away from Him. It makes us have confidence in His love and open our spirit to Him when we feel weak. Many sincere believers seek the Lord with a condemned heart, that is, with a closed and suspicious spirit.
- C. **Many have a dull heart and their ability to experience God's love has been stifled.** The truths of Songs sensitize our hearts through the love of God. In God's grace, our experience of God's love will not be quenched or drowned by any tribulation.

Song 8:6-7 "[Jesus tells the Bride:] **Set me as a seal upon your heart... For love is as strong as death** [God's love in us]... **7 Many waters** [persecution, sin, condemnation, pressure, etc.] **they cannot quench love, nor will the rivers drown it...**"

II. THE KISS OF THE WORD OF GOD

- A. **The focus of this teaching is to understand what the divine kiss of Scripture means.** Song of Songs is a love song that develops the implications of receiving the divine kiss. This is the Bride's clamor of life and it is with which the Song opens.
Song 1:2 "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth— For your love is better than wine."
- B. This first verse of the book expresses the glorious experience that the Shulamite has had with her beloved. From what you can see, the Song was written more as the narration of the love story that she lived with her beloved than as a diary that was going to be written while the love story was developing because she begins with a longing for someone whom she already knows and loves.
- C. After having experienced the kisses on His mouth that are better than the wine (pleasure) that this world can offer, she expresses her passion for Him. **The way in which we can interpret this phrase in the context of our relationship with God is the longing to be touched by the words that come out of the mouth of God,** just as Jesus said in the face of temptation quoting **Deut. 8:3.**

“...that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.”

- D. David also speaks many times in the Psalms of the delight he had found in the words of God.

Psal. 19:7-10 “The law of the Lord is perfect...The testimony of the Lord is sure... 8 The statutes of the Lord are right... The commandment of the Lord is pure... 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.”

- E. David dedicated the longest **Psalm** (which is the longest chapter of Scripture) to speak of all the wonders of God's Word.

Psal. 119:18 “Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.”

- F. **To be kissed by the words that come out of the mouth of God means to be touched in the depths of our being by what He tells us. There are many moments when our soul is empty, or thirsty, or confused, or sad, and that is where the kisses from the mouth of the Lord sustain us.**

Psal. 119:49-50 “Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope. 50 This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.”

- G. **More than ever in this time of uncertainty we need to be kissed by the sayings of the Lord's diamond mouth otherwise we can live, scared, confused or disconnected from the Lord and none of us can afford to live like this.**

- H. In times of temptation, we speak this truth before the Lord. We say, “*I will not yield to sin. Father, kiss me with Your Word. My life consists of receiving the kisses of the Word of God. This is who I am.*” When people mistreat us, we declare, “*My life is not primarily being popular, I live by the kisses of the Word of God.*” In times of pandemic, my life does not consist of living in fear of what God says to me every day in His Word.

- I. **The divine kiss is a metaphor for intimacy with God. We think of God's hand touching our hearts with the Holy Spirit to expand our ability to receive His love and give ourselves to Him in love. It speaks of God's invitation to go deeper in Jesus.** The kisses of His mouth speak of the loosening of the Word of God that softens our hearts in the love of God (**Col. 3:16**). We cannot think that we are going to kiss Jesus on the mouth, this would be completely unbiblical. We must reject all interpretations of “the kisses of His mouth” that may have any sensual reference.

III. THE DIVINE KISS: THE BRIDE'S GREAT REQUEST

- A. Solomon writes this book in a way that alludes to his own experience with God. In the early years of his reign God visited him in dreams and tested him by allowing him to make a supreme request (what was it that he most wanted?). Solomon asked for a supernatural impartation of wisdom and knowledge to better serve the Lord.

2 Chr. 1:7-12 *"On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask! What shall I give you?... ¹⁰ Now give me wisdom and knowledge [knowledge]... for who can judge this great people of Yours? ¹¹ Then God said to Solomon: "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people... ¹² wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like."*

- B. **Similarly, the Lord has invited the Church to ask for things within His will.**

Being the Bride, we are in the presence of the Father to ask for what we love most. We cry out: *"Father, may my Beloved kiss me with the kisses of His Word"*.

Jn. 14:13-14 *"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."*

- C. **God continues to test His people by allowing them what they most desire. The bride yearns for these kisses more than power, prominence, or comfort. God is raising a people who long for the kisses of the word of God as their supreme request. There are many necessary things that we can ask for but the most excellent prayer is to receive grace to love God with all our hearts.**

IV. THE NATURE OF CRY BY THE KISS OF THE WORD OF GOD

- A. There is a great **prophetic cry** that expresses **where** the Spirit is leading the Church in the nations. **The Holy Spirit will restore the First Commandment to the first place before Jesus returns.** God promised Moses that He would circumcise the hearts of His people so that they would love God with all their hearts.

Dt. 30:6 "And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live."

- B. There is also a great **emotional clamor** that answers **how** our hearts work. It answers the mystery of how our hearts experience true happiness and satisfaction. **God designed us so that the most pleasurable reality available to man is to experience His love.** We were created to love God with all our hearts. **When we don't love God with a passionate heart, then our emotional life is out of balance.** Life does not work unless we go after this. We were created in such a way that we cannot live whole if we do not seek to fully love God. If we have nothing to die for, then we have nothing to live for. **Many in the Body of Christ are suffering from spiritual boredom because they are not passionate about seeking to love the Lord.**

V. THE 2-LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL REST FOR THE BELIEVER

- A. **Rest from forgiveness:** we experience it with the knowledge that we are truly

forgiven as a free gift in Jesus. We rest receiving forgiveness for the work completed by Jesus on the cross.

- B. **The rest of intimacy:** we experience it as we seek intimacy with God. **There is no rest until we conclude that the highest purpose of our life is intimacy with God.** Augustine (354-430 AD) wrote, "Man does not rest until he finds his rest in God." We only find our full purpose in life by being wholehearted in our love for God. This is the highest purpose that brings us peace and happiness in this life. Many believers who are assured of being forgiven are striving for purpose and happiness.
- C. There is a God-shaped void in our hearts that can only be filled in the rest of intimacy. **Without resting in this area of our lives, we become more vulnerable to sexual ties, vices and bitterness, etc.**

VI. LIVING BEFORE ONE'S HEARING

- A. *It tells of a pianist from the last century who wanted to play in the great concert hall in Vienna. When his first concert ended, in front of thousands, the people standing up gave him a long applause. Then they asked him, "Has receiving this long applause been the best time for you?" The pianist said, "No! I liked the applause, but this was not the most important thing for me ».* He said, "When the audience sat down, an old man who was sitting in the corner above the balcony simply nodded his head at me. That was the greatest moment of my life because that was the teacher who taught me for 30 years. His gesture of approval was worth much more than the long applause of the masses. **We must learn to live before the audience of One. Receiving the assent of our Lord has great power in the hearts of those who love Him, this reality has more power than the approval of others.**

VII. REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. **Have you received kisses from the Word of God by praying-reading the Scriptures? Explain your experience**
2. **Do you consider that it is something you long for and are asking the Lord? Explain your experience**
3. **Tell your friends in the Friendship Group some testimony when you consider that you were kissed by the words of the Lord that touched or comforted your heart.**
4. **Why do you think these truths protect our hearts in these uncertain times?**